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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted***Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:**

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity

- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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Applicant: Hung Chih Chen

Assignee: APPLIED MATERIALS, INC.

Title: RETAINING RING WITH SLURRY TRANSPORT GROOVES

Serial No.: 10/732,966

Filed: December 10, 2003

Group Art Unit: 1763

Examiner: Unknown

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION -
FILING DATE GRANTED**

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted mailed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on **September 17, 2004** the following documents are enclosed to complete the filing of the above-identified patent application:

1. A combined declaration and power of attorney signed by the inventor(s) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 (4 pages);
2. A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted.

The United States Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge the following fees to Deposit Account **50-1074**;

1. Filing Fee - Original Patent Application (37 CFR 1.16(a))	\$**.00
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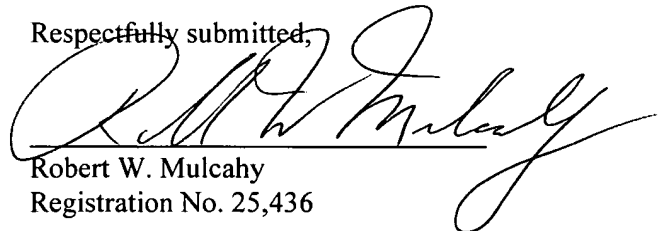
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If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

4. Late filing of original declaration or oath (37 CFR 1.16(e)) \$130.00
5. Total fees due from items 1-4: \$130.00
6. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge total fees due and any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **50-1074**.

It is hereby respectfully submitted that the enclosed documents complete the filing of the above-named patent application and justify the filing date of **December 10, 2003**. Please telephone the undersigned at (408) 563-2726, if there are any questions regarding this matter.

Respectfully submitted,


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